

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42  
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cooley's Fine Clothing  
on its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this body should pause to recognize those Tennessee businesses who contribute significantly to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Cooley's Fine Clothing is one such company who, through the incredible dedication of the late Milton A. and Nelle Cooley, their family, and employees, has consistently served the good people of Chattanooga for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, this family-owned business began in 1936 as a consignment store for tufted bedspreads, which hung outside to catch the eyes of tourists passing through town on Dayton Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the store sold other dry goods from its location in a building that still stands immediately north of its current facility and has expanded to its current location next door; and

WHEREAS, the store was destroyed by fire in December, 1971, but through the diligence of Sara Reeve and James Cooley, Sr., children of the store's founders, the store was rebuilt; and

WHEREAS, the management and operation of the store is now safely in the capable hands of the third generation of Cooleys; James H. Cooley, Jr., having been recognized by the Red Bank Chamber of Commerce as Business Person of the Year for 1996; and

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WHEREAS, in this age when independent, family-owned retail clothing stores are becoming virtually extinct, Cooley's Fine Clothing has been able to succeed in the changing market because of the dedication of the family, the goodness of the God they serve, the loyalty of its employees, and the faithfulness of its customers; and

WHEREAS, Cooley's Fine Clothing is one of the oldest family-owned retail businesses in Chattanooga; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this body pause to recognize the owners and employees of Cooley's Fine Clothing for their sixty years of dedicated service to the residents of Hamilton County and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.